

# SMITH TURNS ON VARES AND AIDS PENROSE

## Issues Statement Urging Support for Senator in State Fight

### PLEA FOR HARMONY

The political prestige of which the Vares followers have been boasting since the appointment of Mayor-elect Smith's cabinet has been largely swept away by the unqualified declaration of Thomas B. Smith that he is in favor of the State leadership of Senator Penrose. The statement which has thrown consternation into the Vares ranks was made by Mr. Smith late yesterday after a conference with Senator Penrose.

Mr. Smith denied the possibility of a State-wide fight in the ranks of the Republican Organization and pledged his own support to the election of national delegates who would be in harmony with the program of Senator Penrose. The wording of the statement at the same time gave the definite impression that the Mayor-elect does not intend to impair his administration by taking an active part in State or national politics.

Senator Penrose in Washington today declined to discuss the Smith statement, although he indicated in his manner that the threatened break in the Republican State Organization had disappeared and that all will be harmonious in the fight for national delegates. He added:

"I am pleased to note the daily accruing evidence that the delegates to the National Convention from Pennsylvania are likely to work at the approaching National Convention as they have generally done in the past in a friendly and harmonious way, and looking towards united action for the good of the State and nation."

### MR. SMITH'S STATEMENT.

The statement follows: "I was governed in the selection of the heads and assistants of the different departments by my knowledge of the men designated and by my conviction as to their fitness.

"I shall not permit factional politics to enter in any way into the administration of these departments. My purpose is to have the departments conducted on a high standard of efficiency, and if I find that politics is permitted in the Department of Safety or in any other department, I shall take prompt and vigorous measures to stop it.

"I realize as a business man and as Mayor-elect of the city, the overwhelming importance of the approaching Presidential election, and I hope that in that election the Republican party will be successful in the nation.

"There is no reason or excuse for any faction in Philadelphia, or in the State, trying to start a political fight. "We have had enough fighting in the past with the resulting party defeats, particularly in Philadelphia. I will not stand for any factional warfare in the party by contractors or any one else, and I have the settled conviction that in the greatest Republican city in the country, the party should not be open to the reproach of contractor leadership.

"I have known Senator Penrose well for a score of years, and have steadily supported him in his political efforts. I realize his great influence in the national councils of the Republican party, and how valuable are his services at this time on account of his long and wide experience.

"Representative business men and political leaders of the different congressional districts will be elected delegates to the National Convention, and it is my desire that they should be in harmony with Mr. Penrose, and sustain his leadership for the welfare of the State and Nation."

McNICHOL SILENT. Senator McNichol, who was closeted with Senator Penrose immediately after the Mayor-elect's statement was made public, refused to make any comment upon it. The followers of the Penrose-McNichol faction in the city, however, showed no such hesitation in rejoicing over the recognition they had received.

Senator Vares, when shown the statement, refused to make any comment. Congressman Vares in Washington. Joseph C. Smith, the brother of the Mayor-elect, has been selected to succeed Cyrus D. Foss, as secretary to the city Chief Executive. The salary of the position is \$5000 annually and the place is considered one of the most important places under the administration.

### WHOLE NATION ENJOYS WAVE OF PROSPERITY

Continued from Page One Normal factories have been dismantled and turned into munitions plants. Present class of the Central Life Insurance Company, attributed eastern prosperity to war orders and said: "I never have seen such prosperity as now prevails in America, and especially in the central, northwest and southern States. I expect it to continue indefinitely."

"Iowa farmers are borrowing money, particularly to buy cattle and horses," said Mr. Cummins. "They are building new schools, improving their roads and buying new improved equipment. I know of no better indication of prosperity."

George B. Stadden, of Springfield, Ill., said "Prosperity in the West is not due to the war, but it might be called a reaction from the depression that followed the war's outbreak."

George I. Cochran, of San Francisco, after describing an unprecedented condition of prosperity in Pacific coast States, quoted a suggestion that a slump would follow the close of the Exposition.

Alfred D. Foster thought the prosperity of the West permanent and from natural causes. Of the East he said the workman might suffer a decline in wages at the end of the war. General business, he believed, will continue in good shape.

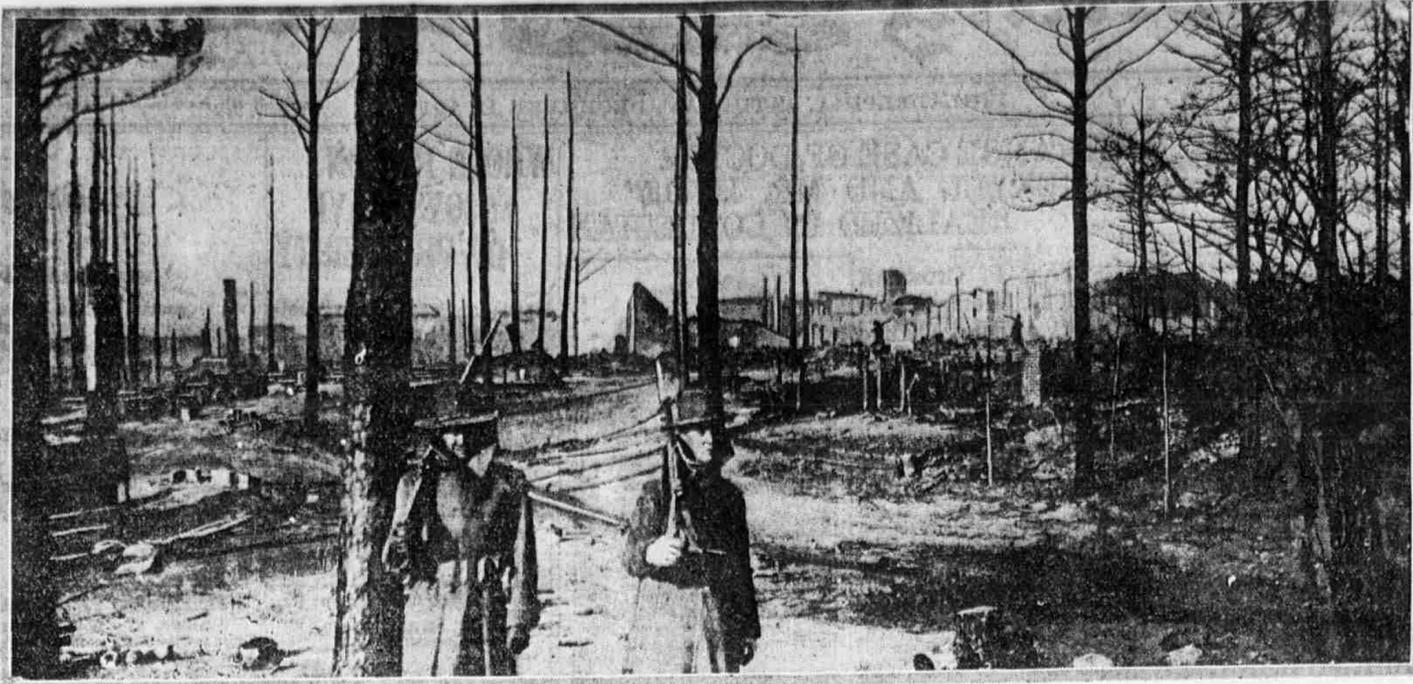


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### MILITIA ON GUARD AMONG RUINS OF FIRE-SWEPT TOWN OF HOPEWELL, VA.



The picture shows how bare was swept the ground on which were built the shacks and small dwellings which sheltered thousands of the du Pont powder town's workers. The charred trees in the foreground occupy a site formerly covered with frame houses that burned like tinder. The Virginia authorities ordered militia to the scene to suppress looting.

### MICROSCOPE GIVES CLUES TO WRITER OF KIDNAPPER'S LETTER

#### Person of Education Sent Note to the Police About Missing Little Richard Meekins

### MAY LEAD TO AN ARREST

Captain of Detectives Cameron showed today that it was not so easy to send an anonymous letter to the police and "get away with it."

The second letter, purporting to have been written by some one who knows the whereabouts of seven-year-old Richard Meekins, of 243 South 61st street, was scrutinized under the microscope today at City Hall, and a surprising number of facts were "picked" about it, considering the brevity of the note.

The boy disappeared November 29, and the police have no doubt that he is in the hands of kidnapers, and the first note, received several days ago, is considered authentic. The note received yesterday was at first believed to be a hoax, but on examination today it was taken more seriously. All it said was this:

Mr. Meekins—a degenerate has your boy, just like the Kraft boy. I can't say any more. Yours in sympathy. A CITIZEN.

P. S.—Tell the police to look at 8th and Vine streets for the men. Here are the clues which are deduced as to the identity of the writer:

1. The peculiar envelope. It is square, and of an unusual texture and color that the detectives believe they will be able to find out where it was bought and perhaps who bought it.

2. Marks on the back of the letter. It was evidently written on a man's knee, and his trousers being oily or greasy the impression of the cloth was left on the back of the paper, as the microscope showed.

3. The writer is evidently a person of good education, as all the phrases of the letter are well expressed. The spelling and penmanship are both faultless, which is rarely the case with ordinary kidnapers.

Several detectives spent the day in the Tenderloin, running out the suggestion of this letter writer.

### JITNEY PIECE OF "HOT DOG" STARTS RESTAURANT "SCRAP"

#### Battle Follows Passing of Coin Which Wasn't Spurious

A five-cent piece of sausage caused more trouble today than all the other sausages in the world combined.

United States Commissioner Long and Matthew P. Griffin, head of the secret service, were detained in the city and missed important engagements because of it. Assistant District Attorney Hall made an energetic speech; Deputy Marshalls Kenny and Ameler also spoke, as did three policemen, six witnesses, an interpreter, a complainant and a defendant. This is not counting the argument and neighborhood fight it caused last night in the vicinity of the restaurant of Isaac Dayvoff, at 501 South 5th street.

The overpowered appetite of Morris Cohen, of 506 Myrtle street, for sausage was gratified when he ate a five-cent "hot dog" in the restaurant. And then the trouble began. In payment he proffered a 50-cent piece. An argument began over the alleged spuriousness of the coin. Persons on the sidewalk took sides and a small battle followed.

"I don't want to be discharged," remonstrated Cohen, when Commissioner Long told him to go. "The coin was passed on me in the restaurant." And the procession left the Federal Building still arguing.

### CHAINS CLANK AS OLD CONVICTS DANCE TO MUSIC'S MANY STRAINS

#### Men and Women Who Suffered for Russian Freedom Give Ball in Aid of Those Still Languishing in Siberia

Three hundred couples danced the dark hours away today at the political-convict ball. The last six words constitute the reason they danced—for the aid of their brothers in Siberia, the 100,000 political prisoners who are exiled in that vast northern country. It was the fourth annual Arrested Ball, or Convicts' Ball, of the Anarchist Red Cross, at New Lyric Hall, 835 South 4th street.

Many of the dancers were former convicts who served in Russian prisons and in Siberia. The dark-eyed belles of 4th and Carpenter streets and his blond slaves away over the floor as the orchestra poured out a potpourri of dance music—mazurka, waltz, "Good-bye Girls, I'm Thinking," polka, kachka, "Gee, But I Wish Again I Was in Michigan," krakowka, and "Chinatown."

Here and there in the mass of dancers stood out a dab of gray, a member of the Red Cross in the Russian convict garb. Clanking chains impeded the wearer's steps. Others carried swords or muskets. These wore the blue and red of the Russian prison official. Some of them bore grim visages, pock-marked. They had escaped from Siberia. The chains, worn last night in jail, came with them from the prison camps.

Brows became dark among the dancers for an interlude, when a pantomime play showed the death of Matrona Prisljuk, the suicide-anarchist. No matter. It was only a play.

It and the tanzel (dances) would send money and food to the half-dead in the tents of frozen Yakutsk and Kamchatka. Downstairs refreshments awaited the revellers—apples, oranges, bananas, sandwiches and beer.

### BREACH GROWS WIDER WITH TEUTON ALLIES

Continued from Page One ment does not do so, Berlin shortly will consider the advisability of resuming her submarine warfare in a most sweeping manner.

"Germany must be assured that the freedom of the seas is to be restored, or she must carry the war to her enemies in every possible way," said a diplomat in the confidence of the German Embassy today. "And the way that has brought results in the past was her submarine warfare."

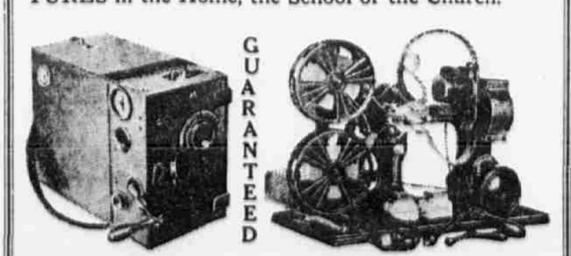
Ambassador von Bernstorff said that he could not view the situation in any way. It was learned, however, that there is little possibility of any progress being made in the effort to settle the Lusitania and other matters still pending with Germany until after the British answer to the American protest against the British blockade is received in Washington. The state of feeling in Germany as the result of the forced withdrawal of the German attaches here, and the interpretation that has been placed on President Wilson's message to Congress is such, it is learned, that further concessions to the United States at this time would be severely criticized.

It is expected that Austria's answer to the Ancona note will be sent forward within a week or 10 days, and that in that connection also officials today were still very pessimistic. They fear that the anti-American element at Vienna is in control, and that a rejection of the American demands is certain. This, of course, will be immediately followed by a breaking off of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, notified the State Department today that he had delivered its note last Thursday to the Austrian Foreign Office, protesting against the sinking of the Ancona. Secretary Lansing announced receiving Ambassador Penfield's cable, and

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other cities nearby. But I have never before been arrested.

The Haverford Record, in giving an account of Crossman's activities, tells that he was born in Swampscott, Mass., in 1882, and that his present home is in Portland, Me. He was one of the most active men ever went to Haverford. He was on the football and track teams; he was a member of the Cap and Bells Club for four years; member of the Mandolin and Glee Clubs for four years; he held several offices in the College Y. M. C. A., and was president his last year; he was assistant manager of the Haverfordian; he won the Everett Medal contest; he was a member of the Founders' Society; he was assistant manager of the Haverford Record; he was one of the college cheer leaders; he served in the Student Council and on many committees. His dramatic work as a member of the Cap and Bells Club was of the best, and he played in "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets," "The Doctor in Spite of Himself," "The Importance of Being Earnest," "Marmont Was a Lady," and other productions.

The 1915 Record, which he helped to edit, in the section which is named "Uncompromising," refers to him as "Saco," and has this to say of him:

"Saco is a distinctly moral man—as Heaven goes. There are other moral men—as the world goes. Loring is like one of the great waterheds of Psychology, or Ethics class. On one side of him are the 'boozie fighters,' the dancers, the cardplayers, the light and frivolous. On the other side are the Christians. Saco is in Maine.

"Entirely unencumbered with any debilitating or disturbing habits, with his principles already well-defined, and little of the 'causedness' of human frailty to deter him, Saco has taken part in a tremendous amount of activity at Haverford.

### TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION DEATHS

MATTER.—On December 10, 1915, HAIETT W. widow of Elmer V. Matter, aged 42 years. The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services, on Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Humphrey, 5115 North 13th st. Interment private. Friends may call Sunday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

MAYHEW.—Suddenly, on December 10, 1915, MATILYN EAY, youngest daughter of Furman and Mary E. Mayhew, aged 12 years. Due notice of funeral will be given.

TONER.—On December 10, 1915, THOMAS TONER, in which the relatives and friends are invited, on Tuesday, 14th inst., at 8:30 a. m., from his late residence, 1204 11th st., to the Solemn Mass of Requiem at the Church of St. Monica, at 10 o'clock precisely. Interment at Cathedral Cemetery.

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